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DAILY BRIEF

France - Middle East: (France apparently is stepping up political activity in the Middle East and is hinting that it may make sizable investments there.)

(Following resumption of diplomatic relations with Iraq on 19 January, after a six-year lapse, Foreign Ministry officials have intimated that France will consider favorably Iraqi requests for economic aid.)

(Saudi Arabia has asked for jet fighters from France. Quai officials have indicated that this request will be rejected, but say that Paris might sell other planes for training purposes. De Gaulle apparently is favorably disposed toward a recent Saudi request for French military, economic, and political advisers.)

(De Gaulle's planned state visit to Iran in October has increased rumors of possible visits to other countries in the area, particularly Syria and Lebanon. Although he probably desires to reassert French influence in this area, traditionally associated with France, the close military ties with Israel will be a limiting factor.)

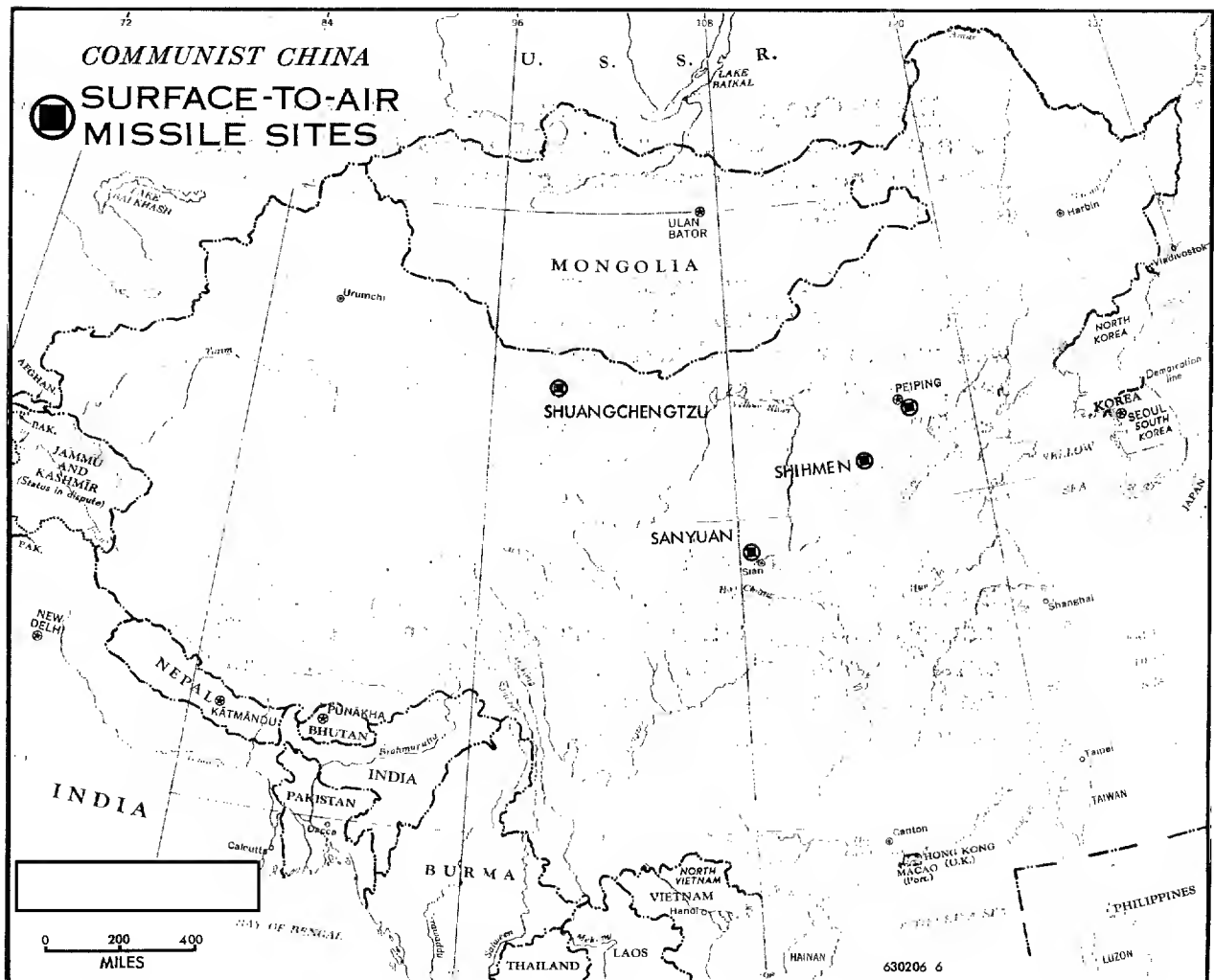
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Communist China: (The recent identification of a surface-to-air missile site near Shihmen airfield, about 160 miles southwest of Peiping, brings the total number of known surface-to-air missile sites in China to eight.)

(The seven sites previously identified include three in the Shuangchengtzu missile test range area, of which two are believed to be training sites; three in the Peiping area; and one at San Yuan near Sian.)

(The only site known to be fully operational is the one in the Sian area, which may be used for training purposes.)

(It cannot be determined when these sites were constructed, but at least one site at Shuangchengtzu was under construction between January and July 1962, probably by the Chinese, and without Soviet assistance. The newly identified site at Shihmen was built after 1959, and possibly quite recently.)

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NOTE

India-Pakistan: (The third round of talks on the Kashmir dispute, beginning tomorrow in Karachi, will probably be inconclusive. Each government seems intent on protecting its bargaining position while waiting for the other side--or a third party --to make compromise proposals. Pakistani and Indian officials are basing their tactics on a belief that a fourth round, probably in April, will be the critical point in the negotiations.)

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